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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth in the following listing of claims, which replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims.

1-46. (Canceled)

47. (Original) A wheel support for a bicycle, comprising:

a body including a pair of legs each having a first end, a second end, and an intermediate portion extending between the first and second ends, said pair of legs interconnected at said first ends and configured to support a bicycle wheel at said second ends, each of said pair of legs defining a substantially fixed length between said first and second ends, each of said intermediate portions including an outer wall portion and an internal wall portion defining a cavity;

a damping member positioned within said cavity and contacting said internal wall, said damping member comprising a vibration damping material;

wherein said outer wall portion and said damping member each define a portion of an external surface of said wheel support.

48. (Original) The wheel support of Claim 47, wherein said pair of legs support said bicycle wheel at said second ends for rotation about an axis, said internal wall portion extending from said outer wall portion in a direction substantially parallel to said axis.

49. (Original) The wheel support of Claim 48, wherein said interior wall portion connects opposing sides of said outer wall portion such that said cavity extends completely through said leg.

50. (Original) The wheel support of Claim 47, additionally comprising a dropout supported by said second end of each of said pair of legs, said dropouts configured to receive said bicycle wheel.

51. (Previously Presented) A wheel support for a bicycle, comprising:

a body including a first leg and a second leg each having a first end, a second end, and an intermediate portion extending between said first and second ends, said first and second legs interconnected at said first ends and configured to support a bicycle wheel at said second ends, each of said first and second legs defining a substantially fixed length

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between said first and second ends, each of said intermediate portions including an outer wall portion and an internal wall portion defining a cavity, said internal wall portion being continuous with said outer wall portion and extending generally laterally therefrom;
a damping member positioned within said cavity and contacting said internal wall, said damping member comprising a vibration damping material;

wherein each of said cavities extends a distance along said fixed length of said first and second legs that is less than said fixed length.

52. (Previously Presented) A wheel support for a bicycle, comprising:

a body including a first leg and a second leg each having a first end, a second end, and an intermediate portion extending between said first and second ends, said first and second legs interconnected at said first ends and configured to support a bicycle wheel at said second ends, each of said first and second legs defining a substantially fixed length between said first and second ends, each of said intermediate portions including an outer wall portion and an internal wall portion defining a cavity;

a damping member positioned within said cavity and contacting said internal wall, said damping member comprising a vibration damping material;

wherein each of said cavities extends a distance along said fixed length of said first and second legs that is less than said fixed length;

wherein said first and second legs support said bicycle wheel at said second ends for rotation about an axis, said internal wall portion extending from said outer wall portion in a direction substantially parallel to said axis.

53. (Original) The wheel support of Claim 52, wherein said interior wall portion connects opposing sides of said outer wall portion such that said cavity extends completely through said leg.

54. (Original) The wheel support of Claim 51, additionally comprising a dropout supported by said second end of each of said first and second legs, said dropouts configured to receive said bicycle wheel.

55-56. (Canceled)

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57. (Previously Presented) A bicycle fork, comprising:

a body comprising a steer tube and a pair of legs extending from said steer tube, each leg terminating in a dropout configured to receive an axle of a bicycle wheel and cooperating to define a wheel axis, wherein each of said legs is a generally hollow structure defined by an outer wall, each of said legs defining a cavity extending through said outer wall in a direction generally perpendicular to a lengthwise direction of said leg; and

a damping member positioned with said cavity of each leg, said damping member configured to dampen vibrations introduced to said leg.

58. (Previously Presented) The bicycle fork of Claim 57, wherein said cavity extends through said outer wall on opposing sides of said leg such that said damping member forms a portion of an external surface of said fork.

59. (Previously Presented) The bicycle fork of Claim 57, wherein said cavity extends in a direction generally aligned with said wheel axis.

60. (Previously Presented) The bicycle fork of Claim 57, wherein said cavity is defined by an internal wall.

61. (Previously Presented) The bicycle fork of Claim 60, wherein said internal wall and said outer wall are a continuous structure.

62. (Previously Presented) The bicycle fork of Claim 57, wherein said damping member comprises a vibration damping material.

63. (Previously Presented) The bicycle fork of Claim 62, wherein said vibration damping material is a viscoelastomeric material.

64. (Currently Amended) A bicycle, comprising:

a frame, said frame supporting a pedal crank assembly and a rear wheel, said pedal crank assembly being configured to drive said rear wheel;

a front fork assembly supported by said frame for rotation about a steering axis, said fork assembly being configured to support a front wheel of said bicycle at a lower end of said fork for rotation about a wheel axis, said fork assembly comprising:

a steer tube;

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a pair of ~~hollow~~, tubular legs extending in a downward direction from said steer tube and spaced from one another in a lateral direction, each of said pair of legs defining a hollow interior having a substantially fixed length, each of said pair of legs defining a cavity extending in a direction generally perpendicular to a lengthwise direction of said legs and separated from said hollow interior by a wall;

a damping member positioned within said cavity of each leg, said damping member configured to dampen vibrations introduced to said leg.

65. (Previously Presented) The bicycle of Claim 64, wherein said cavity is generally aligned with said wheel axis.

66. (Currently Amended) ~~The bicycle of Claim 64,~~ A bicycle, comprising:

a frame, said frame supporting a pedal crank assembly and a rear wheel, said pedal crank assembly being configured to drive said rear wheel;

a front fork assembly supported by said frame for rotation about a steering axis, said fork assembly being configured to support a front wheel of said bicycle at a lower end of said fork for rotation about a wheel axis, said fork assembly comprising:

a steer tube;

a pair of hollow, tubular legs extending in a downward direction from said steer tube and spaced from one another in a lateral direction, each of said pair of legs defining a substantially fixed length, each of said pair of legs defining a cavity extending in a direction generally perpendicular to a lengthwise direction of said legs;

a damping member positioned within said cavity of each leg, said damping member configured to dampen vibrations introduced to said leg;

wherein each of said pair of legs includes an upper portion, a lower portion and an intermediate portion, said cavity being located within said intermediate portion of said pair of legs.

67. (Currently Amended) ~~The bicycle of Claim 64,~~ A bicycle, comprising:

a frame, said frame supporting a pedal crank assembly and a rear wheel, said pedal crank assembly being configured to drive said rear wheel;

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a front fork assembly supported by said frame for rotation about a steering axis, said fork assembly being configured to support a front wheel of said bicycle at a lower end of said fork for rotation about a wheel axis, said fork assembly comprising:

a steer tube;

a pair of hollow, tubular legs extending in a downward direction from said steer tube and spaced from one another in a lateral direction, each of said pair of legs including an outer wall defining a substantially fixed length, each of said pair of legs defining a cavity extending in a direction generally perpendicular to a lengthwise direction of said legs;

a damping member positioned within said cavity of each leg, said damping member configured to dampen vibrations introduced to said leg;

wherein said cavity extends through said outer wall on opposing sides of said leg such that said damping member forms a portion of an external surface of said fork.

68. (Currently Amended) ~~The bicycle of Claim 64,~~ A bicycle, comprising:

a frame, said frame supporting a pedal crank assembly and a rear wheel, said pedal crank assembly being configured to drive said rear wheel;

a front fork assembly supported by said frame for rotation about a steering axis, said fork assembly being configured to support a front wheel of said bicycle at a lower end of said fork for rotation about a wheel axis, said fork assembly comprising:

a steer tube;

a pair of hollow, tubular legs extending in a downward direction from said steer tube and spaced from one another in a lateral direction, each of said pair of legs including an outer wall defining a substantially fixed length, each of said pair of legs defining a cavity extending in a direction generally perpendicular to a lengthwise direction of said legs;

a damping member positioned within said cavity of each leg, said damping member configured to dampen vibrations introduced to said leg;

wherein said cavity is defined by an internal wall.

69. (Previously Presented) The bicycle of Claim 68, wherein said internal wall and said outer wall are a continuous structure.

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70. (Previously Presented) The bicycle of Claim 64, wherein said damping member comprises a vibration damping material.

71. (Previously Presented) The bicycle of Claim 70, wherein said vibration damping material is a viscoelastomeric material.

72. (Previously Presented) A bicycle fork, comprising:

a body comprising a steer tube and a pair of legs extending in a downward direction from said steer tube, each leg terminating in a dropout configured to receive an axle of a bicycle wheel and cooperating to define a wheel axis, wherein each of said legs is a generally hollow structure defined by an outer wall, each of said legs defining a cavity extending entirely through said outer wall in a direction generally aligned with said wheel axis; and

a damping member positioned with said cavity of each leg such that said damping member forms a portion of an external surface of said fork, said damping member configured to dampen vibrations introduced to said leg.

73. (Previously Presented) The bicycle fork of Claim 72, wherein said damping member is a solid piece of elastomeric material.

74. (Previously Presented) A bicycle, comprising:

a frame, said frame supporting a pedal crank assembly and a rear wheel, said pedal crank assembly being configured to drive said rear wheel;

a front fork assembly supported by said frame for rotation about a steering axis, said fork assembly being configured to support a front wheel of said bicycle at a lower end of said fork for rotation about a wheel axis, said fork assembly comprising;

a steer tube;

a pair of hollow, tubular legs extending in a downward direction from said steer tube and spaced from one another in a lateral direction, each of said pair of legs defining a substantially fixed length, each of said pair of legs defining a cavity extending entirely through said leg in a direction generally aligned with said wheel axis;

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a damping member positioned within said cavity of each leg such that said damping member forms a portion of an external surface of said fork, said damping member configured to dampen vibrations introduced to said leg.

75. (Previously Presented) The bicycle of Claim 74, wherein said damping member is a solid piece of elastomeric material.